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E-NEWS

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Economic &
Community
Development, Chair

Finance, Personnel
& Audit

Transportation,
Public Works &
Transit

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Lake Parkway
Extension Advisory
Committee, Chair

Aging & Disability
Resource Center
(ADRC) Governing
Board

Milwaukee Art
Museum, Trustee

Milwaukee County
Federated Library
System, Trustee

Milwaukee County
Research Park
Corporation Board

Milwaukee Gateway
Aerotropolis
Corporation

SHERDIAN PARK CENTENNIAL

Sheridan Park is celebrating 100 years as a park in 2014! Many of you will recall that Grant Park celebrated 100 years in 2010. Sheridan is not far behind in its life cycle. Our Grant celebration included the larger communities and featured Family Fun Day. The Sheridan Park Celebration will also include the community and especially the city of Cudahy. A special logo has been designed by our county staff and appears in this column to the right. The Sheridan Park Friends are also spearheading some of the efforts to enlist charter members of the Friends group with a goal of 100 members by 2014. If interested please contact Sylvia Gear who is leading this effort. The charter names will be framed and hung in the Sheridan Pavilion. T-Shirts with the Centennial logo are on sale at the Cudahy Family Library for \$15.00 including childrens shirts.



Pulaski Inn is reserved for Friday February 14, 2014 (how perfect is that, Valentine's Day on a Friday!), for a Love-In for Sheridan Park. Tickets will go on sale in late fall but please reserve this date. We have some great people who will be on hand to honor our lake front park; you will not want to miss being part of this event. Our librarian, Rebecca Roepke, has helped with some historical information and identified this date of 2014 based on the City resolution by Mayor Woehsner who worked with Patrick Cudahy to set aside our lake front land for a Park. Our South Shore is blessed with lakefront parks, not gated communities that hide the lake. As a result, the parks are something we all share and embrace. Why not help celebrate this gift?

We are pleased that Judge Richard Cudahy of the U.S. Court of Appeals, and grandson of Patrick Cudahy, along with William Otis the President of Patrick Cudahy Company agreed to act as Co-Chairs. The Patrick Cudahy Company will be planning a special commemoration sponsored by the meatpacker and also providing financial backing for the Sheridan Park Friends raffle to help raise funds to improve the park. The schools of Cudahy will also be participating in planning school events to make our children aware of this history of Sheridan Park and also celebrate its founding. The City of Cudahy will use the 4th of July in 2014 to further honor Sheridan Park. The Cudahy Historical Society will also feature a special program for this Centennial. This is a wonderful platform for our city to bring citizens together around community celebration. If you want to be part of it, why not join the Sheridan Park Friends? Stay tuned ... more information to come.

794 AND HOAN BRIDGE

September will be the beginning of work on replacing the Hoan Bridge deck. The Coalition to Save the Hoan, a task force created by my office, worked hard to save the Hoan Bridge. We will now see the fruits of that labor in September. Nothing good comes without effort. Drivers will need to make that effort starting soon as we face lane closures and actual bridge (one side at a time) closures. Please be patient and appreciate the fact that you will get a new road and a Hoan Bridge for 50 years to come. Also, the 794 Extension Committee that my office created, and which I chaired, recommended that the speed limit on 794 be increased. This was presented to the DOT. Our committee was unsure if the DOT was going to wait until the extension for 794 was built or if the increase would be sooner. The good news: DOT chose not to wait and increased the speed in August. Please drive carefully. Also remember this is a Parkway, not a freeway. 50 does not translate to 60. Be courteous when you drive and observe the laws. Thank you for your patience and attention to construction slow-downs. For more information on the Hoan build-out, follow this [link](#). "The low bid on the re-build of the Hoan came from Walsh Construction Co. of Illinois which submitted a bid of \$172.2 million. When the coalition was fighting to save the Hoan critics were complaining the costs would be on the low side of \$250 million or the high side of \$500 million. It appears the Hoan is not only worth our investment, but well under the critics' cost estimate."



Photo "[Tree](#)" by [Andre Simms](#)

BEACH CLOSURES

Having spent my entire adult life living on the South Shore, which I might add is the best area of Milwaukee County, I know the best time to swim and walk along our lake front is in August and September. Lake Michigan has finally warmed enough so that it is pleasant to swim or wade in the water. Unfortunately, we are also seeing more and more closures at the same time. Our beaches are clogged with algae and run-off waste.

These factors contribute to high bacteria counts. If you would like to receive daily updates on the condition of our beaches, follow this [link](#).

I am not going to embark on climate debates, but I think most of us agree that we need to take care of the treasure that brought most of us to the South Shore, Lake Michigan and our extensive parks. We need to improve the Oak Creek Parkway and other watersheds. All of us can play a role in keeping yard waste and run-off waste from washing into our storm sewers. Our county board and the South Shore cities need to work on keeping this run-off from choking our beaches and more importantly protecting our water.

CHAMBERS UNITE!

The South Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, the Cudahy Chamber of Commerce and the St. Francis Association of Commerce have all decided to unite under one Chamber to be called The **South Shore Chamber of Commerce**. The three business groups will still support the unique identities of the individual cities, yet all three will now work to better serve their business communities through a united chamber. The chamber groups felt that a regional approach will permit them to better use resources for a higher profile approach to serving business interests. Since I first came to office in 2007, I have called on our citizens to re-brand as the South Shore. The "south side" is further west! Many of you may remember the tongue in cheek logo of my first campaign, "The Other East Side". Those of us lucky enough to live along the shores of Lake Michigan should tout this advantage. I am pleased the chambers have joined this chorus. I invite all citizens of our lake shore cities along the south to use this brand. Good luck to the South Shore Chamber of Commerce.

Community Calendar

Thursday, August 29 – Sunday, September 1 - St. Francis Days with Parade on Saturday;
For more information, Visit www.stfrancisdays.com

Thursday, September 12 – Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park meeting, 6:30pm
At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Ave., South Milwaukee. Park Watch: 764-7262.
Friends of Grant Park: 764-0612 www.fogp.org

Tuesday, September 10 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm
At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Ave., South Milwaukee 571-1191 www.smfomp.org


Saturday, September 14 – Beach Walk, 5-9pm
Stroll an illuminated path along the beach of beautiful Lake Michigan. Gaze at the stars with Stargazer Greg Gonia & his telescopes. S'mores will be available for purchase at the campfire. Sponsored by the Friends of the Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc.
For more information call Nancy 414-571-1191

Wednesday, September 25 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm
At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

Thursday, September 26 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am
At the Milwaukee County Courthouse Room 200, 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee.

Friday, August 30 - Fish Fry & a Flick, 5pm
Join your neighbors and visit Discovery World to view a free screening of The Avengers on beautiful Lake Michigan. Bartalotta's will be hosting a fish fry for purchase. Food & fun starts at 5, the movie starts at dusk. For more information, click this [link](#).

Thursday, August 29 – Sunday, September 1 – Harley-Davidson 110th Anniversary



For comprehensive information related to all activities for the 110th anniversary, visit www.110.harley-davidson.com

Ongoing Summer Activities:

South Milwaukee Downtown Market, Thursdays, 3-7pm

Including local farmers, restaurants, artisans, music and picnic tables. At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, downtown South Milwaukee. www.smmarket.org